## Swearing in of Members.

The following members made the prescribed oath of allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja and then took their seats :—

Mr. R. Dasappa, Reddihalli, Devanhalli Taluk.

Mr. A. M. Channamare Gowda, Patel, Lakshmipura, Nelamangala Taluk.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

### Ragimakalahalli Project.

*Q.*—19. **Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO** (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many times has the subject relating to Ragimakalahalli Project, Bowringpet Taluk, been discussed before this Assembly; and what is the assurance given by Government in the matter;

(*b*) what steps have been taken by Government in this respect?

*A.*—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) The subject has been discussed in the Assembly three times during the years 1906, 1928 and 1935. Government stated that the representation would receive sympathetic consideration.

(*b*) Alternative estimates for the work have been prepared and are undergoing scrutiny.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—With reference to answer to (*b*), was not an estimate prepared in 1913-14 for about Rs. 75,000?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Yes.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—Was not the contract given to one Mr. K. Ramakrishniah?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Notice.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—What was the result of calling for tenders?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—The project had to be abandoned for technical reasons.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—What happened to the promise given by the Government to the Assembly in 1928?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Subsequently a masonry dam was considered necessary and so the estimate had to be revised. This costs about Rs. 4 lakhs, but the return on cost to Government works to only 1·6 per cent.

**Mr. A. C. MUDDURACHAPPA.**—Did not three Engineers express the opinion that the scheme was feasible?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—It might have been so. But now we find that the return is not adequate.

**Mr. PRESIDENT.**—The return expected is very meagre. Though the raiyats have agreed to an acreage contribution of Rs. 200, the Chief Engineer and the Revenue Commissioner find that the scheme is not practicable.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—May I know how many acres are expected to be irrigated if the project is carried out?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Six hundred and thirty-six acres.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—Are the Government aware that 1,000 acres can be irrigated and granting that an assessment of Rs. 8 per acre is levied, the return to Government will be quite adequate?

**Mr. PRESIDENT.**—Even then, not more than 2 per cent is likely to be realised.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—Even if you have a small dam, the return will be considerable. Is it desirable for Government to go back upon their promise in this case?

**Mr. PRESIDENT.**—The very fact that the raiyats have agreed to a contribution of Rs. 200 shows how keen they are about the project. The Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Engineer will re-examine the matter jointly.

### Kare Thorehalla Project.

*Q.*—22. **Messrs. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH and T. TARE GOWDA** (Sira Taluk) **and SYED SHEIK MOHADEEN** (Sira Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) was it not decided and survey made some 10 or 15 years ago to construct a tank across Kare Thorehalla running in the limits of Gowdigere

Hobli, Sira Taluk and Javagondanahalli Hobli in Hiriyur Taluk ;

(*b*) was an estimate prepared ;

(*c*) were raiyats agreeable to pay contribution or not?

*A.*—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

**Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.**—When was the project prepared and for how much ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—In 1919 and for Rs. 26,800. But the tender received amounted to Rs. 35,000. So, we could not accept it.

**Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.**—What is the acreage expected to be irrigated ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Only 205 acres.

**Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.**—Will it benefit only the Sira Taluk, or the Hiriyur Taluk also ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Only the Sira Taluk.

**Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.**—Is a new estimate under preparation ; if so, for how much ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—In 1928 a new estimate was prepared for Rs. 45,000. But the raiyats agreed to pay a contribution of Rs. 50 per acre which is not enough. If they agree to a contribution of Rs. 150, we may consider the case.

**Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.**—Are Government aware that there is no other irrigational project in the Sira Taluk ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Yes.

**Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.**—Seeing that the Borankanive Nala supplies enough water, will the Government take up this scheme ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—The suggestion will be considered.

**Mr. T. TARE GOWDA.**—During 1936-37, a sum of Rs. 3,378 was spent on the survey of a project near Naranapura village, Gowdigere hobli. Why has no provision been made in the new budget for it? Since the work has been stopped, is it the idea to have the project near Kariyala ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—No ; it will be near Ganadahunasehalli, Sira Taluk.

**Mr. T. TARE GOWDA.**—In the appendix to the budget, it is stated that Rs. 3,378 is the total expenditure incurred to end of 1936-37 on "Gauging the river Vedavati near Naranapur" (the estimate for which was sanctioned in April 1934). Why has no provision been made in the budget for 1937-38 ? The Sira Taluk is very backward in irrigational facilities. Will Government kindly take up one of the two projects in view, whichever will be of benefit to the Sira Taluk ?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—The question will be considered.

## Anes in Cocoanut Gardens.

*Q.*—23. **Messrs. M. SIVABASAPPA and M. R. SIVAPPA (Tiptur Taluk) ; and Chintanapalli BHASKARIAH (Tiptur Municipality).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) are Government aware of the fact that, in many previous sessions of the Assembly, permission to construct *anes* in cocoanut gardens up to ground level was sought for ;

(*b*) is such an order in force throughout the State ?

*A.*—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

**Mr. M. SIVABASAPPA.**—With reference to answer to (*b*), are the Government aware that the local officers have not been giving permission to construct *anes* even when petitions are submitted?

**Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.**—It will not be possible for them to give permission immediately a petition is received. The flow of water to Government tanks should not be obstructed, and the local officers will have to verify it before giving permission.

**Mr. M. SIVABASAPPA.**—The raiyats have no object in obstructing the flow of water. The *anes* are necessary for preventing the water from scouring and damaging the crops. Why should permission be refused in such cases ?